

ABSTRACT

SEE ATTACHED NOTE - 7/8 2/85

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 65(68)

1766 (reset 1902; top now missing)

Silver Run, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

The site of Milestone No. 65(68), an original crownstone of 1766, marks Mason and Dixon's 65th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of their survey lines run and marked during their<sup>1763-68</sup> commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this crownstone was an embellishedoolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top; quarried and carved in England; measured about 12" square by about 42" long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with the remainder left rough-cut for setting into the ground. There was vertical fluting on all four sides, framed at the vertical edges by horizontally-fluted margins, with the fluting extending into the top planes, converging at a centered apex. The distinguishing features were the stylized shields of the Penn family coat of arms on the north side facing Pennsylvania and that of the Calvert family on the south side facing Maryland. In 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, No. 65(68) was reset in its original site to stand about 1 1/2' above ground, surrounded by a collar of concrete below ground. By 1948, this crownstone was still in place, <sup>though the concrete collar was partially exposed</sup> firmly set, in fair condition, <sup>and its demise is not known</sup> badly chipped on the top corners and along all edges and noticeably weatherworn--much as it must have been at the time of the 1950 field inspection. By the time of the 1979-82 field inspections(3/30/80 and 9/21/82), <sup>the above-ground portion was missing</sup> but the below-ground portion may still be in place and the original site has been identified. The federal, state and local significance of this site cannot yet be determined and awaits a project Phase II follow-up report.

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December 7, 1995

Mason-Dixon Boundary Marker 65 has been stored at the State Highway Administration shop in Westminster since its retrieval from the woods near its original location. The Maryland Geological Survey has contacted the state of Pennsylvania to seek permission to place the marker in the Survey's library display. The National Geodetic Survey and MGS have determined that replacement of the stone to its original site, less than one foot from the road pavement, would create a traffic hazard.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. CARR-301

Magi No.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
(Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 65th Mile Stone

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON  
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 65 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 68)

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER south side of Line Road/T-453

CITY, TOWN Silver Run

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Carroll / PA: Adams

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☒ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

☒ PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☒ ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO (MISSING)

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: state boundary marker

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

CARR-301 entered 1/80

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

\_\_EXCELLENT  
\_\_GOOD  
\_\_FAIR

\_\_DETERIORATED  
\_\_RUINS

**X**UNEXPOSED (base); above-ground top MISSING

**CHECK ONE**

\_\_UNALTERED  
\_\_ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

\_\_ORIGINAL SITE  
\_\_MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

From 1766 until sometime after the 1950 boundary marker field inspection, Milestone No. 65(68) marked Mason and Dixon's 65th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. An original crownstone, it remained in place at its original site, though was reset in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, and by 1950 was described as "badly chipped on the north side and southeast corner. Pa. coat of arms indistinct." (Bayliff, 1959, p. 101). It has been missing since sometime following the <sup>1950</sup> inspection, though one of the nearby USC&GS reference marks remains (No. 1, 1939).

The area here is rolling farmland, sparsely settled, and with large stretches of deciduous woodlands. The site is within Election District 3 of Carroll County; Union Township of Adams County, PA; is about 3 miles northeast of the village of Silver Run, MD; about 4 miles southeast of the town of Littlestown, PA; about 2' from the south edge of Line Road, about 2' above grade level; and is identifiable in matching black-and-white photos on file at the Maryland Historical Society (Trussell Collection, PP2.84.2 and 5a) with remains of the foundation (or base of the stone) noted 9/21/82.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, this crownstone was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top; quarried and carved in England; measured about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with the remainder left rough-cut for setting into the ground. There was vertical fluting on all four sides, framed at the vertical edges by horizontally-fluted margins, with the fluting extending into the top planes, converging at a centered apex. The distinguishing features were the stylized shields of the Penn family coat of arms on the north side facing Pennsylvania and <sup>that of</sup> the Calvert family on the south side facing Maryland. In 1902, No. 65(68) was reset <sup>in its original site</sup> to stand about 1½' above ground and surrounded by a collar of concrete below ground. By the time of the Trussell photos 12/12/48, the monument <sup>appeared to be in fair condition, but</sup> had been <sup>badly</sup> chipped, particularly on the <sup>northeast and southeast</sup> top/corners and along all edges, and noticeably weatherworn. <sup>By then</sup> the concrete foundation was also <sup>partially</sup> exposed on the north (road) side. The demise of this crownstone will be traced during Phase II of the Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker project, and a report of the findings appended later. (See Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the **CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902)  
(top now MISSING)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Although the top of  
/ Milestone No. 65(68), an original crownstone of 1766, is missing, the  
/ original site and possibly the below-ground portion of about 3' remain. Until the  
demise of the top has been traced and the site further inspected, its  
significance on the federal, state and local levels **cannot be reliably**  
determined.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Littlestown (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 18, easting 327<sup>1</sup>, northing 4398<sup>2</sup>VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY CarrollSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Adams**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

3/30/80 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 65 (68)  
original coronstone (1766)  
(missing by 1970)



PP2.84.4 S/S  
VIEW NORTH ACROSS LINE ROAD



PP2.84.1a N/S

PHOTOS: DR. A. L. TRUSSELL 12/12/48  
(NEGATIVES ON FILE IN MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PP2 TRUSSELL COLLECTION)



S/S & DR. TRUSSELL

PP2.84.5a



N/S & DR. TRUSSELL

PP2.84.2

MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 65(68), original crownstone (1766)  
 top MISSING, site remains

imprint of stone? or stone buried? a puzzle for K&C II.



MED WEST LINE: MILESTONE 65(68)  
 Print from cal. slide: Alice Martin 9/21/82 (1982.10.7)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE 65(68)

LITTLESTOWN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND—PENNSYLVANIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1953 PHOTO REVISED 1971  
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5663 IV SW  
(HANOVER)

2'30" 790 000 FEET (MD.) 327 328 77°00' 39°45'



HANOVER 4 MI.  
YORK 23 MI.

690 000 FEET  
(MD.)

42°30'



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(68)  
HASINE IN IN WESTLINE: MILESTONE NO. 65 (CROWNSTONE) SITE

2 REF. MARK NO. 1.

S/S BIEHILLEK RD.

VIEW LOOKING WEST

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 3/30/80 (1980.14.21A)

